



RESOLUTION

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS - A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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YOUTH CLIMATE LEADERSHIP RESOLUTION

The Minneapolis City Council recognizes the leadership and vision of local youth on the issue of climate change and is committed to protect them and future generations from the risks of climate destruction.

- Whereas: Across the world, people are facing new and challenging environmental problems daily, such as pollution, depletion of natural resources, and loss of biodiversity, making communities across the globe, including our own, vulnerable to potential disasters and tragedies; and
- Whereas: The United States has withdrawn from the landmark Paris Climate Agreement, leaving the issue of countering climate change to state and municipal governments; and
- Whereas: The greatest burden resulting from an inadequate response to the climate crisis will be carried by the youngest generation and those of low socioeconomic status; and
- Whereas: The risks from an inadequate response are potentially devastating, and include economic and environmental disruptions which are already being felt, such as more severe storms, longer and hotter heat waves, worsening flood and drought cycles, growing invasive species and insect problems, accelerated species extinction rates, rising sea levels, increased wildfires, and a dramatic increase in refugees from climate-impacted lands; and
- Whereas: Leading climate scientists have indicated that further delay in significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions will rapidly push humanity past the point where disastrous consequences can be avoided; and
- Whereas: The Minneapolis City Council commends local youth for their leadership in naming these issues and proactively calling for change; and
- Whereas: The Minneapolis City Council encourages these and other youth leaders to stay engaged and involved on these and other issues facing the city as constituents, advocates, and by serving on boards and commissions to help the city be part of a youth-inclusive democracy; and
- Whereas: The City of Minneapolis continues its commitment to environmental sustainability and leading efforts related to climate change through creating efficiencies, increasing resiliency and supporting quality of life for the present and the future including decreasing greenhouse gas emissions, increasing municipal renewable energy, creating green jobs, recovering more recyclable materials, and reducing air pollution; and
- Whereas: The City government is also committed to innovative and results-driven business practices to maintain and enhance the livability of our city, including integrating sustainability principals and indicators;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Mayor and City Council that this resolution recognizes the leadership of our youth and commends their vision for action to protect our environment, and continues our commitment to sustainable practices and policies that will protect these youth and the generations after them.

Passed this the Twenty Seventh Day of April, 2018

LISA BENDER, President of the Council

APPROVED:

JACOB FREY, Mayor

ATTEST:

CASEY JOE CARL, City Clerk